

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

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9 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
10 MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO CREATE JOBS AND
11 ADVANCE ECONOMIC RECOVERY.

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13 WHEREAS, the United States Congress is in the process of enacting legislation to create jobs and
14 advance economic recovery to put Montanans and Americans back to work; and

15 WHEREAS, the federal jobs and economic recovery legislation should be drafted with input and adequate
16 oversight from state, local, and tribal governments; and

17 WHEREAS, federal funds invested in Montana's infrastructure will lay the foundation for long-term
18 economic growth, boost business, create jobs, and put Montanans to work now and in the future; and

19 WHEREAS, the national economic downturn is adversely affecting Montana's economy; and

20 WHEREAS, Montana's unemployment rate increased to 4.9% in November 2008, and in December 2008,
21 the Columbia Falls Aluminum Company notified approximately 200 employees that the plant will be shutting
22 down, while in January 2009, Semitool Incorporated laid off about 200 employees in Northwest Montana
23 communities; and

24 WHEREAS, Plum Creek Timber Company recently eliminated more than 140 jobs and laid off more than
25 200 workers, and the Montana timber and wood products industries continue to decline; and

26 WHEREAS, in order for workers to take advantage of jobs created by the federal legislation, Montanans
27 will need education and training; and

28 WHEREAS, Montana rural hospitals will need help to be able to afford electronic recordkeeping, while
29 continuing to attract and keep jobs in rural communities; and

30 WHEREAS, the development of Montana's abundant energy resources, both conventional and

1 renewable, will create a significant number of long-term jobs while helping lead the nation in the effort to free
2 America from the grip of foreign oil.

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4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
5 STATE OF MONTANA:

6 That the Montana Legislature urges the United States Congress to pass its jobs and economic recovery
7 legislation to create jobs in Montana and across the nation through the funding of critical infrastructure projects,
8 including bridge and roads projects, energy development efforts, water and sewer system projects, school and
9 university building projects, energy conservation projects in public buildings, and hospital technology
10 improvements.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the President
12 of the United States, the President and Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Minority
13 Leader of the United States House of Representatives and the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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